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"MOLE", AND HIS CONTACT WITH LEE PRESSMAN (1945)Item 2

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To the 8th Department.

Information from "MOLE[KROT]"^[i]. As Lee PRESSMAN[LI PRESSMAN]^[ii] told "MOLE" [10 groups unrecoverable] to meet Joyce O'HARA[DZhOJS O'KHARA]^[iii], representative of the American Chamber of Commerce and

[20 groups unrecoverable]

....R[a], whose operation was announced approximately a month ago by Eric JOHNSON,^[iv] KAISER,^[v] GREEN,^[vi] MURRAY^[vii] and a number of other persons. The conference however, did not take place, because

[40 groups unrecoverable]

where he carried on a series of conversations with American industrialists and business-men to bring to light their demands. JOHNSON discovered that among big industrialists there exist two sharply defined groups. One group, the smaller in numbers, but very resolute and powerful, considers war with the Soviet Union inevitable and recommends that preparation for it should begin immediately. The other group, the larger in numbers and more powerful, does not [2 groups unrecoverable] in war with the Soviet Union. This group considers that trade relations could be established with the USSR [which would be]^[b] very profitable for the "COUNTRY [STRANA]"^[viii] and that

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[32 groups unrecovered]

co-operation with them. O'HARA

[14 groups unrecoverable]

about them.

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VADIM^[ix]

Notes: [a] There are some indications that this "R" may be preceded by the letters "TE", which would accord with the fact that the persons mentioned in this sentence were among those signing on 28 March 1945 a charter of principles for post-war industrial relations.

[b] Inserted by translator.

Comments: [i] MOLE : Unidentified cover-name.

[ii] Lee PRESSMAN: At this time General Counsel for the Congress of Industrial Organizations and for various national labour unions.

[iii] Joyce O'HARA: Secretary to Eric JOHNSON.

[iv] Eric JOHNSON: President of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

[v] KAISER : Henry J. KAISER, President of the Henry J. KAISER Company.

[vi] GREEN : William GREEN, President of the American Federation of Labour.

[vii] MURRAY : Philip MURRAY, President of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

[viii] COUNTRY : U.S.A.

[ix] VADIM : Anatolij Borisovich GROMOV, 1st Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in WASHINGTON.

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